BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR:12

SURVEY NO.: B-4167

AREA: Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello (CHM)

MAGI NO.: 0441678504

ADDRESS: 1612 Carswell Street

CURRENT NAME:

BLOCK: 4130 LOT: 005

HEIGHT: 2

CONDITION: Good

USE: Vacant dwelling

DESIGNATION:

LOT SIZE:

MATERIALS: Wood frame

OWNER:

ADDRESS:

ACCESSIBLE:

LIBER/FOLIO:



HISTORIC NAME:

DATE: ca. 1875

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):

DESCRIPTION:

1612 Carswell Street, a 2 story, 3 bay free standing frame house, is located between Kennedy and Van Buren Streets, northwest of Clifton Park, in the Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello planning district of northeast Baltimore, Maryland. The house is presently covered in asbestos shingle, but wood shingle is visible beneath. The original cornice remains, a bracketed molded wraparound cornice with decorative cutouts. The building has a full front porch with a cement base and a plain molded cornice. The porch cornice is supported by square wood columns, with elongated capitals, on cement covered piers. The windows and door have been covered and/or removed and only plain wood sills are visible. A transom is discernible beneath the door's covering.

SIGNIFICANCE:

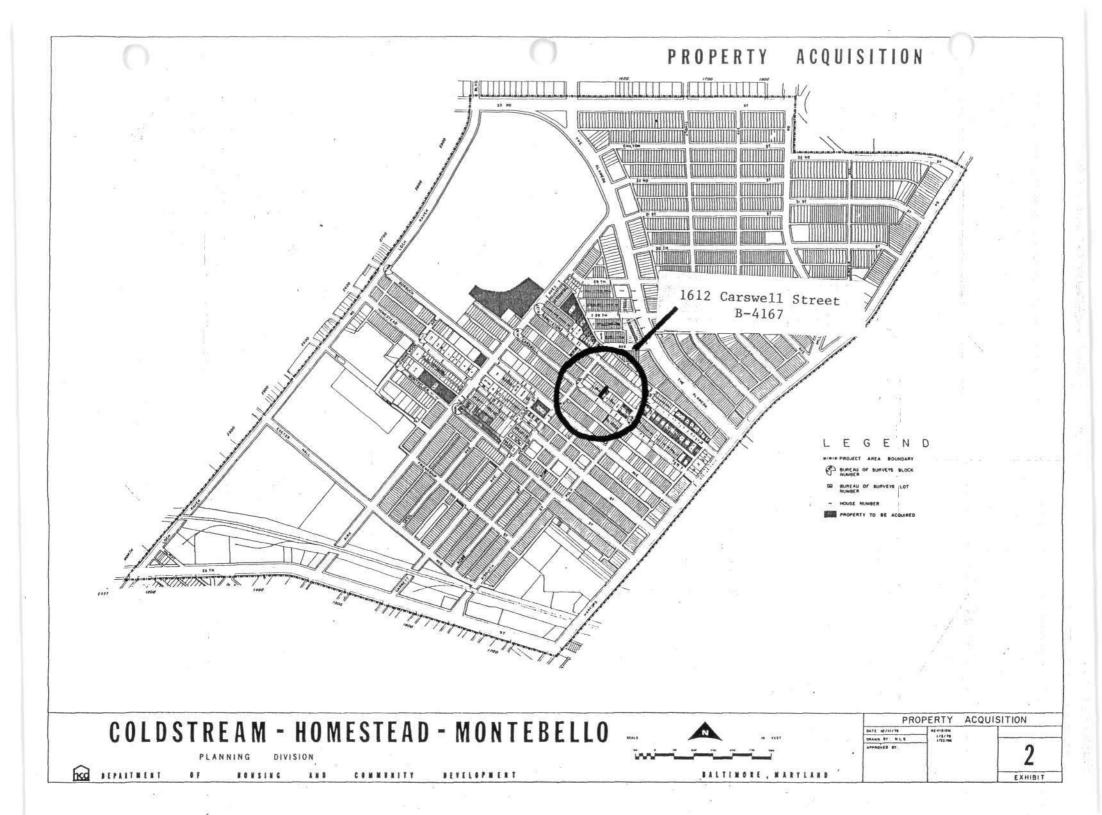
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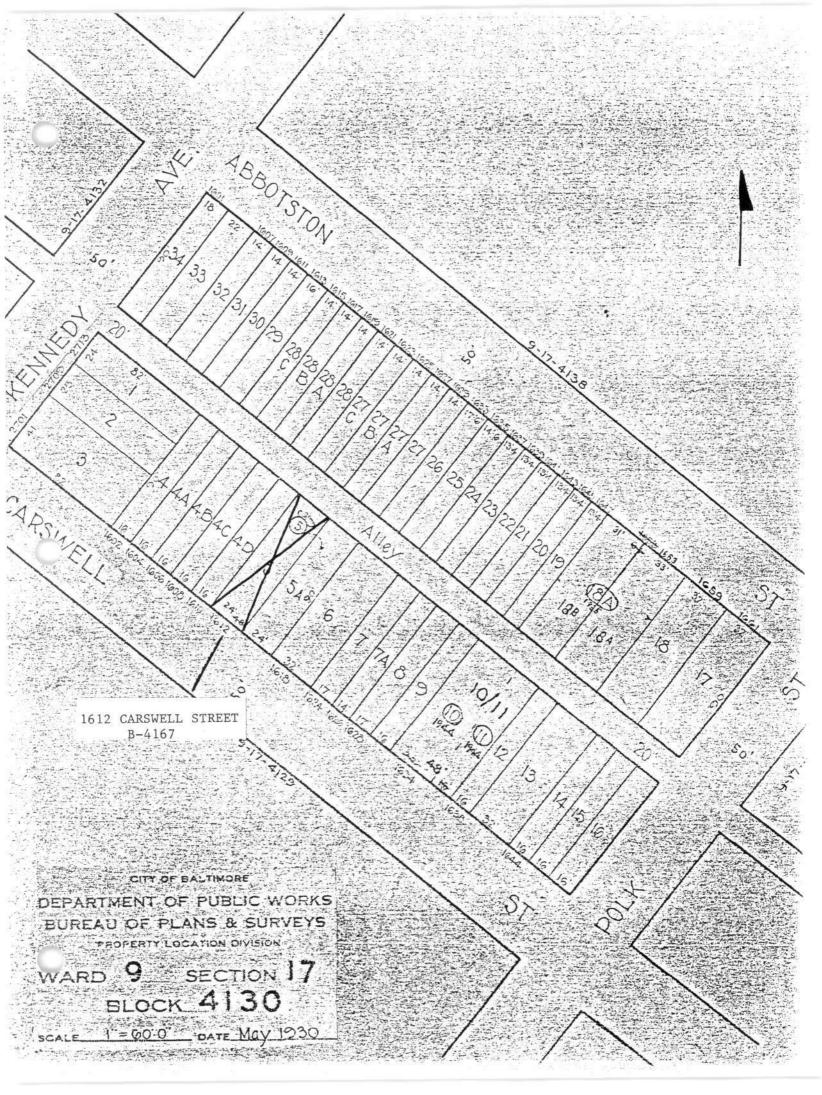
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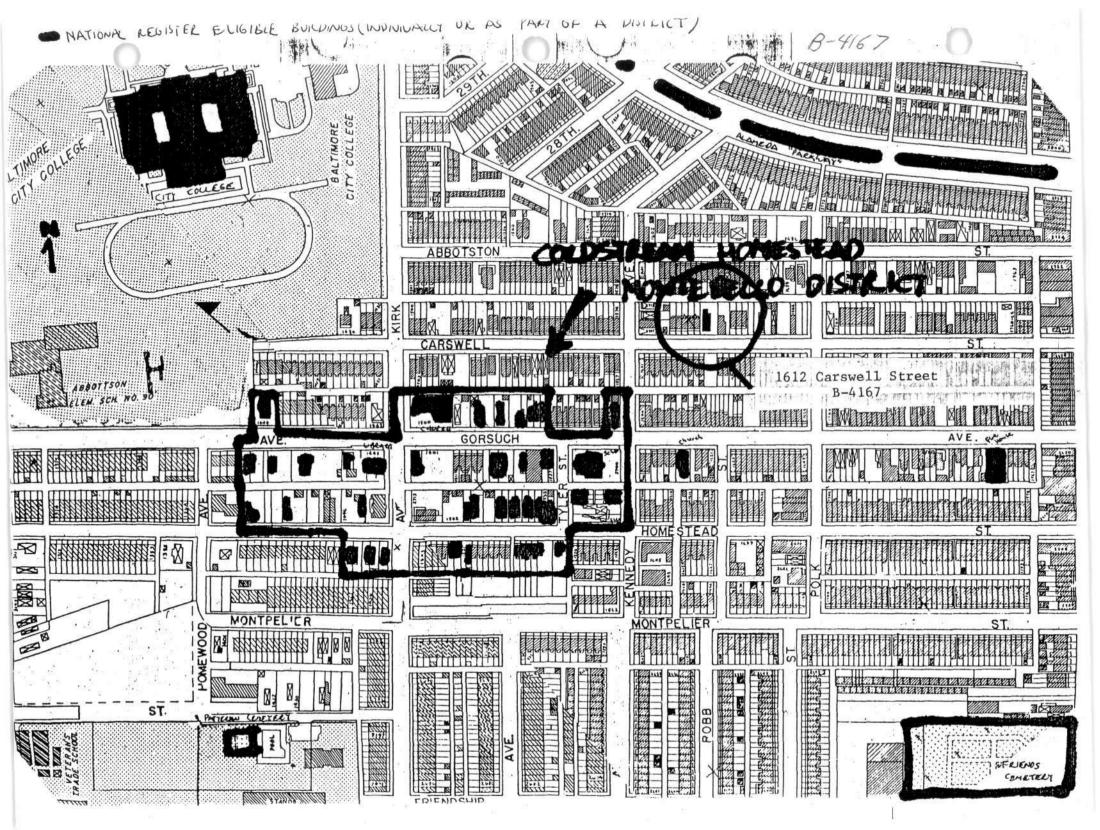
1612 Carswell (originally Washington) Street, a free standing frame dwelling, contributes to the architectural diversity of the Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello (CHM) area and would be considered eligible for the National Register as part of the undefined expansion to the CHM eligible district. 1612 Carswell Street is located one block northeast of this district. CHM is distinctive among Baltimore neighborhoods for its assortment of building types. It is not dominated by one distinct structural style, as is often common in Baltimore. This is due to the unsuccessful attempt in the 1850s to establish a suburban community, Homestead. The area was at that time part of Baltimore County. Homestead resulted in only scattered development, which was later infilled with a mixture of building types. This resulted in a neighborhood with both suburban and urban building forms, frame and brick structures, and rowhouses, duplexes, and free standing houses. Homestead was included in the territory annexed by Baltimore City in 1888. The Homestead neighborhood is referred to in the 1896 Bromley Atlas as Clifton.

SOURCES: Bromley Atlas 1896; CHAP Files; Topo Map 1914

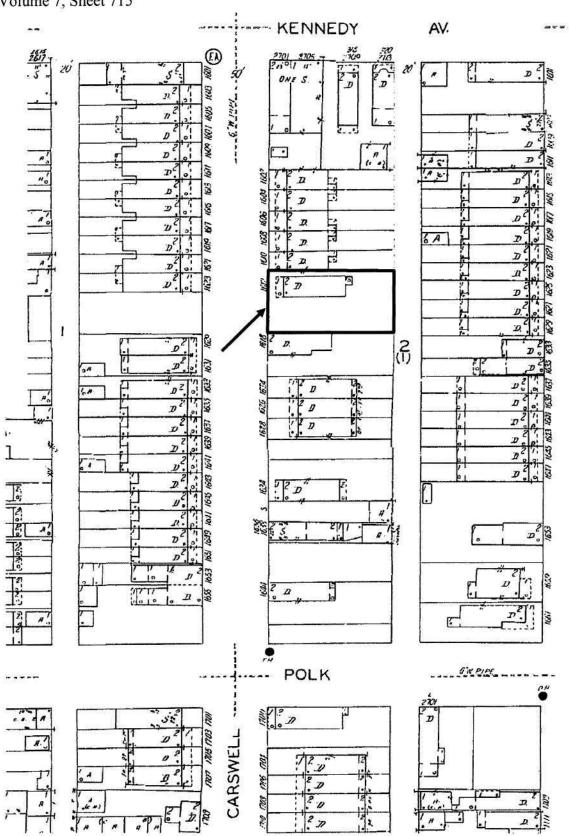
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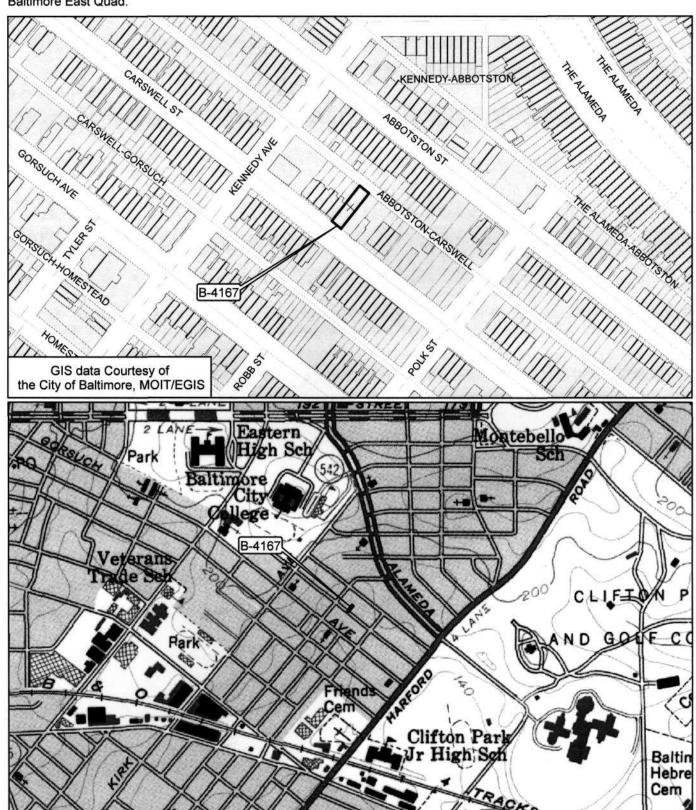




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1612 Carswell Street B-4167 Baltimore (City), Maryland

Southwest elevation

Photo:Mary K. Mannix Date:May 1987 Neg.Loc.:Maryland Historical Trust